

Dear Consul,

I have just returned from a wonderful trip to the United States, and noticed that there is a piece of white paper still stapled inside my passport. It has something to do with Immigration and has the identification I-94 at the bottom of the form. Does this have something to do with my visa and should I leave it in my passport, or can I remove it and throw it away?

Indira from Galeota

If you returned home with your Form I-94 (white) or Form I-94W (green) Departure Record in your passport, it is possible that your departure was not recorded properly, and you will need to take steps to correct the record. If you do not validate your departure from the United States, or if you cannot prove you departed within the time given to you when you entered, the next time you apply for admission to the U.S., the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) may conclude you remained in the U.S. beyond your authorized stay. If this happens, your visa may be subject to cancellation or you may be immediately returned home to Trinidad & Tobago.

If the airline or cruise ship failed to collect your I-94 Departure Record, please send it, along with any documentation that proves you left the United States (like your outbound airline boarding pass with your seat number - if you still have it) to:

DHS - CBP SBU
1084 South Laurel Road
London, KY 40744
United States

Do not mail your Form I-94 Departure Record or supporting information to the Embassy, or to any address other than the one above. Only at this location are we able to make the necessary corrections to CBP records to prevent problems for you in the future. The London, Kentucky office does not answer correspondence, so please do not ask for confirmation that your record has been updated.

We strongly urge you to keep a copy of what you send to DHS-CBP and carry it with you the next time you come to the United States in case the CBP Officer has any questions about your eligibility to enter. Carrying those materials with you will also allow your record to be corrected at the time of entry if, for some reason, the London, Kentucky office has not yet done so.

For more information on the nonimmigrant visa process, as well as detailed information on all types of visas, please visit our website at <http://trinidad.usembassy.gov>.

We hope this information is helpful.